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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

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1. IN RESPONSE REF A AND IN EFFORT ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH PRC OFFICIALS ON POPULATION MATTERS, USLO OFFICERS HOROWITZ AND PERITO CALLED ON MFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS SECTION DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG ON AUGUST 5 TO DISCUSS PRC PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. DURING BRIEF BUT FRIENDLY MEETING, HOROWITZ PRESENTED NAME LIST OF THE US DELEGATION AND ASKED FOR NAMES OF CHINESE DELEGATES. HE ALSO SAID USLO WOULD LIKE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE PRC AGENCY, SUCH AS THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OCCASIONAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING MATTERS. IN THIS REGARD, HE PROVIDED TING WITH BACKGROUND MATERIALS ON THE DALKON SHIELD IUD (STATE 134210, STATE 144589) AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF INFORMATION USLO MIGHT OCCASIONALLY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

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2. IN REPLY, TING SAID CHINA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE, BUT THAT THE DELEGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN NAMED. HE SAID HE WOULD SEE IF IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE US THE NAMES WHEN THE DELEGATION IF DECIDED UPON. ALL QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION REGARDING POPULATION OR FAMILY PLANNING MATTERS SHOULD BE SENT TO HIS OFFICE, TING SAID, WHICH WOULD PASS THEM ON TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION.

3. USLO IS NOT SURPRISED AT THIS POLITE REBUFF, BUT WE STILL THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH THE TRY. THE DESIRE OF THE MFA TO KEEP OUR CONTACTS CIRCUMSCRIBED IS PROBABLY COMPOUNDED IN THIS INSTANCE BY PRC SENSITIVITY TO FOREIGN INTEREST IN CHINA'S POPULATION PROBLEMS AND POLICIES.

4. AS INDICATED REF B, THE PRC AT BUCHAREST WILL PROBABLY APPROACH QUESTIONS OF POPULATION AND BIRTH CONTROL IN IDEOLOGICAL TERMS AND WILL PROBABLY OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TOWARD INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS IMPINGING A NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. CHINA IS ALSO LIKELY TO USE THE CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE ITS CRITICISM OF THE "SUPERPOWERS" AND TO HIGHLIGHT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TING'S ONLY

COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO POINT OUT THAT CHINA'S POLICY ON POPULATION DIFFERED FROM THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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